



April Birthdays

Isaiah Holmes ~ April 1
 Azeriah Jackson ~ April 2
Minister Gracie Goethe ~ April 5
 Chantis Reynolds ~ April 6
Deacon Arthur Elliott April 13
 Leah White ~ April 13
 Bessie Emma Scott ~ April 15
 Jocelyn Holmes ~ April 15
Deacon Benjamin Fields ~ April 16
 Kathy Holmes Smith ~ April 19
 Darræe Alston ~ April 22
 Debbie Standifer ~ April 25
 Lueretta Ray ~ April 29



Love bears all things, believes all things,
 hopes all things, endures all things.
Corinthians 13:4-8

Ezekial & Inez Smalls ~ April 21 (33)
Oliver & Angeline R Bradley ~ April 30 (63)

A Seniors' Perspective

Any Senior who would like to contribute to the Bethesda Herald Newsletter.

Contact Sister Ruth Johnson by way of the church Secretary (843)838-4410
 Sister Barbara Jean Holmes.



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WISDOM IN GOD'S WORD

March 1st ~ "Spiritual Gifts Are for Serving One Another"

1 Peter 4:10-11 ~ Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

March 8th ~ "Spiritual Gifts"

1 Peter 4:10-11 ~ Bishop K.C. Doe

March 15th ~ "God Gave Gifts for Our Good"

1 Peter 4:10-11 ~ Bishop K.C. Doe

March 22nd ~ "Wholesome Christian Community"

1 Peter 3:8 ~ Bishop K.C. Doe

March 29th ~ "Wholesome Christian Community-continued"

1 Peter 3:9 ~ Bishop K.C. Doe

Online Giving

We thank God for your financial support of Bethesda Christian Fellowship. Online Giving is an option to give without having to write checks or donate using cash. If you prefer to write a check, send it to our mailing address. Thank you and God bless you.

Ways to Submit Your Tithes and Offerings:



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When **DROP OFF** Pastor or Trustee is at Church or Sunday Morning.

Bethesda Christian Fellowship

Live
 Streaming



Join Us on Sunday Mornings For Our Teaching and Learning Experiences

Sunday Worship Services can be accessed via livestreaming on Sundays at 10 AM on:

- Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page [Bethesda Christian Fellowship - Home | Facebook](#)
- Bethesda Christian Fellowship live stream on YouTube [Bethesda Christian Fellowship - YouTube](#)
- Our webpage [Bethesda Christian Fellowship \(revmediatv.com\)](#)

(Remember to Like the Bethesda Page.)

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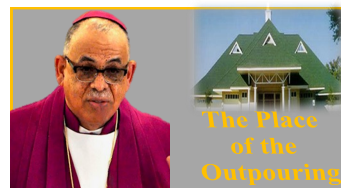
Access the broadcast by phone at
 1(843)777-1500
 Conference ID
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WISDOM IN GOD'S WORD

Please join us for "Wisdom In GOD's Word" segment that's livestreamed every Wednesday at 1:00 pm on Facebook.

Sermons can be found on our Bethesda Christian Fellowship Facebook page. Edited versions can be found on YouTube at Bethesda Christian Fellowship St. Helena Island, as well as, under Sermons on our webpage.

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Then It Came To Me...

Deciding to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is THE most valuable and important matter any human being ever faces. That one decision for Christ informs and improves all of time and eternity for all who believe.

Receiving Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior is the beginning of the most wonderful and meaningful existence ever possible. That wonderful and meaningful existence hinges on the decisions we continue to make. In John 10:10, Jesus says, "...I am come that you might have life more abundantly. "Abundant life being the will of Christ Jesus for us, what are those matters that we must embrace, and when shall we?"

God, our loving Father, is always expressing His concern for our spiritual growth and maturity. Through His ever-relevant Word and His ongoing revelations, He lovingly prods us to do it better and do it now.

Last summer, our Father spoke His plan and desire to speak to us through a planned series of messages. This plan was born out on January 3 - 7, 2011 in a revival themed, "The Time Is Now."

Why am I writing about this now? Simply put, "The Time Is (Still) Now." Those messages are timeless, and consequently ought still be heard and embraced by all of us.

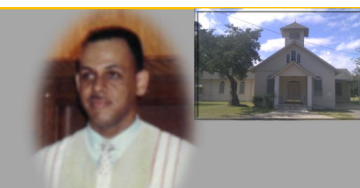
THE TIME IS NOW....

- To Be Hot Or Cold
- To Appreciate Gifts and Functions
- To Keep The Fire Burning
- To Reclaim My Peace
- To Stand.

Every serious Christian ought hear and hear again these critical messages.

The Bethesda Herald

A Ministry of Bethesda Christian Fellowship



Invest in the Spiritual Maturity of self and others.

Then, our Lord instructed us to have a reconvening on Friday, June 24, 2011. This gathering was themed, "A CALL TO RE-FRESHING." This anointed worship experience reminded us of God's sovereign rule and our need to trust Him. He is still in control and is working for our welfare. So, we ought to learn to affirm His promises, thereby diminishing our fears.

These worship experiences were sent that we may embrace "abundant life" more effectively. They are available for our edification. Contact the church's office to secure your copy.

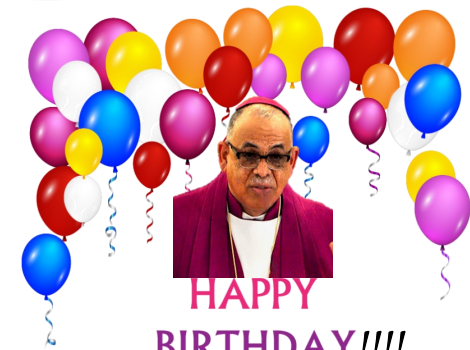
Shalom, my Friends,
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe



Matthew 28:1-6
28: 1 In the end of the Sabbath, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre.
2 And, behold, there was a great earthquake: for the angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat upon it.
3 His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:
4 And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men.

5 And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified.

6 He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

BISHOP KENNETH C.DOE
 April 15th

We Appreciate and Love You Bishop,
 You are a True Man of God ...We Love You!!!

MARCH

Sermon Recap
 Hebrews 12:1,2

Series - "FOLLOWING OUR LEADER - LIGHTENING OUR LOAD"

March 5

I'm Done with That!
 Luke 24:34
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

March 12

Whom Shall, I Fear?
 Psalm 27; John 10:10
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

March 19

"Seeing What God Sees and Saying What God Says About Me"
 Romans 8:1,31-39
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

March 26

"A New Day Dawning"
 2 Corinthians 10:1-6
 Bishop Kenneth C. Doe

April National Autism Awareness

Increasing Awareness About The Common Characteristics Of Autism

Whilst no two people with autism will have the same set of symptoms, there are common characteristics found in those with this complex disability. Briefly, these characteristics include:

Social Skills ~ people with autism have problems interacting with others; autistic children do not have adequate playing and talking skills. Mild symptoms on one end of the spectrum may be displayed through clumsy behavior, being out of sync with those around them and inappropriate or offensive comments being made. At the other end of the spectrum an autistic person may not be interested in others.

♦ **Empathy** is the ability to recognize and understand the feelings of another person. People with autism find it harder to show empathy to others although they can be taught to acknowledge the others feelings.

♦ **Physical Contact** in some cases, autistic people do not like physical contact such as hugs, tickling or physical play with others.

♦ **Sudden Changes To Their Environment** a sudden change in the surrounding environment may affect a person with autism. The could be a loud noise, a change in intensity of lighting or even a change in smell.

♦ **Speech** ~ can be affected in people with autism. 'Echolalia' is a typical speech symptom in which the person repeats words and phrases that they hear. The speech tone of an autistic person may be monotonous. Where symptoms are more extreme the person may not speak.

Changes To Behavior and Routine ~ People with autism often display repetitive behavior in which they repeat the same action many times over. For example, a person with autism may repeatedly pace around a room in a certain direction. Any change to their behavior or routine can be unsettling for them. This

Could be a reordering of daily activities such as when a person brushes their teeth, takes a shower and has breakfast when they get up in the morning.

Other characteristics of autism include an unpredictable learning rate, obsessions and physical tics.

Autism Is Widespread, Awareness About This Condition Is Not

In the United States, autism affects 1 in every 110 children. National Autism Awareness Month aims to make the public more aware about this widespread disability and the issues which arise in the autism community. As about 1 in 150 people in America have autism, the chances are that you know someone with this disability. A better informed public will be more empathetic and supportive towards people with autism. This month is backed by the Autism Society of America which undertake a number of activities to raise awareness about autism. The Autism Society has local chapters throughout the United States which hold special events throughout April.

The 'Puzzle Ribbon' is the symbol for Autism Awareness and is promoted by the Autism Society as means of supporting awareness for autism. The Puzzle Ribbon may take the form of a pin attached to clothing, a fridge magnet or a sticker and are available to purchase from the Autism Society website.

The Autism Society of America also run a year long campaign through their 1 Power 4 Autism initiative, in which people are encouraged to hold events to raise awareness and support for those affected by autism.

Lest We Forget



Robert Smalls

(April 5, 1839 - February 23, 1915)

Robert Smalls was born in 1839 to Lydia Polite, a woman enslaved by Henry

McKee. She gave birth to him in a cabin behind McKee's house, at 511 Prince Street in Beaufort,

South Carolina an American politician, publisher, businessman, and maritime pilot. Born into slavery in Beaufort, South Carolina, he freed himself, his crew, and their families during the American Civil War by commandeering a Confederate transport ship, CSS Planter, in Charleston harbor, on May 13, 1862, and sailing it from the Confederate-controlled waters of the harbor to the U.S. blockade that surrounded it. He then piloted the ship to the Union-controlled enclave in Beaufort, Port Royal, Hilton Head area, where it became a Union warship. His example and persuasion helped convince President Abraham Lincoln to accept African-American soldiers into the Union Army.

After the Civil War, Smalls returned to Beaufort and became a politician, winning election as a Republican to the South Carolina Legislature and the United States House of Representatives during the Reconstruction era. He authored state legislation providing for South Carolina to have the first free and compulsory public school system in the United States. He founded the Republican Party of South Carolina. Smalls was the last Republican to represent South Carolina's 5th congressional district until the election of Mick Mulvaney in 2011.

The Next Generation Must Know/Remember!!

BETHESDA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY SCHOOL MINISTRY PRESENTS

"FROM THE CROSS"

A play that depicts the last seven sayings, of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, as He hung, bled and died on the cross.



Time: 6:00 pm
Friday, April 7th, 2023

Bethesda Christian Fellowship

Bethesda High School Seniors

The Scholarship Committee will secure a list of students who meet the following criteria. The committee recommends its conclusions to the church.

- 1.) The applicant must be an active participating member in good standing with Bethesda Christian Fellowship.
- 2.) The applicant must be a regular Sunday School attendee.
- 3.) The applicant must be an active member in at least one (1) auxiliary.
- 4.) The applicant must have been a participant in the two (2) most recent Tuesday/Wednesday Evening Academies.
- 5.) The applicant must have attended at least two (2) Young Men and Women Auxiliary workshops in the last calendar year.
- 6.) The applicant must have at least one (1) year membership tenure.
- 7.) The applicant must have at least a 3.0 GPA and be in the top 20 percent of his/her graduating class.
- 8.) The applicant must submit a narrative detailing future plans and degree pursuits. The narrative must describe how the applicant's degree will affect others and how it will affect their walk with the Lord.
- 9.) The applicant must have a letter of acceptance from an accredited institution of higher learning.

High School Seniors

High School seniors any information shared with Bethesda concerning college scholarships will be available on the Church's website.



Bethesda Christian Fellowship

This tool is intended to help us more effectively minister to our congregation and community. These procedures must be practiced by all of us so that the work of our Lord may proceed in a most proficient manner.

PROTOCOL = APPROPRIATE PROCEDURES FOR:

- 1) Appointment with the Pastor - Call the Church Office. Speak with or leave a message for the Secretary. The appointment will be coordinated.
- 2) Sickness ~ Non-life threatening or Tragic/Traumatic
 - ♦ Non-life threatening sickness should be immediately shared with your Ward Deacon;
 - ♦ Tragic/Traumatic sickness should be immediately shared with your Ward Deacon and Pastor.
- 3) Death of Church Member (Active)~ should be immediately shared with Ward Deacon and Pastor. Consult the Pastor before setting day/time for service.
- 4) Death of Inactive Member should be shared with Ward Deacon.
- 5) Death of relative (non-member) of an active member should be shared with Ward Deacon and Pastor as member deems appropriate.
- 6) Marriage ~ Church Secretary must be contacted to set up initial appointment for Counseling and to request use of facilities.
- 7) Use of Facilities~ Call Church Secretary who will direct concern to Trustee Ministry.
- 8) Use of Church Supplies (tables, chairs, etc.) ~ Check with Trustee Ministry.

Following the Protocol will help Our Pastor better Minister to Us!

"A CALL TO PRAY"

1. Pray without ceasing: 1 Thessalonians 5:17
2. Make your request known to God: Philippians 4:6
3. Cry out to God: Psalm 55:17
 - a. Morning- 6:00am
 - b. Noon- 12:00 noon
 - c. Evening- 6:00pm
 - d. Midnight- 12:00 Midnight

We are praying for the body of Christ to rise to the occasion with a spirit of BOLDNESS so the world can see JESUS:

FOCUS PRAYER:

1. Souls for the Kingdom: Revelation 2 and 3 ... "He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches." Jeremiah 6:11-17
2. Against the spirit of fear 2 Timothy 1:7
3. The peace of God: Philippians 4:7
4. Spiritual Healing and Physical Healing: Isaiah 53:5; Jeremiah 17:14
5. The love of God to abide within us: 1 John 2:15-17

NOTE: Suggested scriptures: Psalm 50, 142, 141, 91, 90, 46-49 etc.

Deacons and Wards of Bethesda Christian Fellowship

1. **Deacon Fields**
Beaufort, Port Royal, Parris Island, Hardeeville, Ridgeland, Laurel Bay, Grays Hill, Seabrook, Dale, Sheldon, Jenkins, Burton, Big Estate
2. **Deacon Holmes**
Warsaw, Lady's Island, Oaks
3. **Deacon Middleton**
Saxonville and Seaside road
4. **Deacon Rivers** ~ Lands End, Scott, Orange Grove, Ann Fripp, Tombee, Corner
5. **Deacon Bailey** ~ Indian Hill, Tom Fripp, John Fripp, Cedar Grove, Molly Hill, Folly Road, Coffin Point
6. **Deacon Glover**
Wallace, Edding Point, Croft, Mary Jenkins

Prayer Plan and Assignments

~In this plan, all wards are identified by their Deacon leader.

1. Deacons Fields ~ GROUP 1
2. Deacons Holmes and Bailey ~ GROUP 2
3. Deacons Middleton and Rivers ~ GROUP 3
4. Deacon Glover ~ GROUP 4

~Each group will begin with this assignment:

- GROUP 1 - 6 A.M. -Focus 1
- GROUP 2 -12 NOON -Focus 2
- GROUP 3 - 6 P.M. -Focus 3
- GROUP 4 -12 MIDNIGHT -Focus 4

~ Each Successive week, each Group will move down to the next focus.

~ The length of the prayer time is less important than the intensity of the prayer time.

Thank You For Your Cooperation. GOD BLESS.